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## INFORMATION REPORT

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The head of all the uranium mining pits at Potucky is a Soviet engineer, Litvinov (fnu).

The following pits and galleries exist in the Potucky (Breitenbach - N 51/K 51) uranium mining district:

## 1. Magdalena Pit.

- a. The Magdalena Pit is located approximately 350 meters southwest of the Potucky railroad station. It is surrounded by a double barbed wire fence. Altogether, 600 people work in this pit, 20 of them being women, 70 brigade workers and approximately 350 German prisoners of war.
- b. The pit has an American-made loading machine. The mining engine is of Russian manufacture.
- c. Coal is supplied from the Sokolov region. Uranium ore is shipped daily to Jachymov, from whence it goes to Horni Zdar.
- d. This pit yields an average of 16 tons of ore daily and the production plan is being fulfilled 100%.
- e. There is an SNB guard in watch towers at all times. The towers are located at the corners of the fences and the SNB men patrol between the mounds and the huts. Two men of the Works Militia and one SNB man are in the guardroom, where miners deposit their passes. These are returned to them when they leave.
- f. There is no organized political education in the Magdalena pit. Morale is poor because the pit employs prisoners of war. The majority of the miners have their meals in the canteen. The food is quite good.

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- g. Several of the miners live in the Drensenk Hotel at Potucky, which belongs to the plant; other live in the neighborhood.

## 2. Slovanka Pit.

- a. The Slovanka Pit lies 400 meters southeast of the Potucky railroad station. It is surrounded by a double barbed wire fence. In the four corners of this fence are watch towers. 50X1-HUM
- b. This pit employs prisoners [redacted]
- c. The Slovanka Pit originally yielded silver. Later, uranium ore was discovered here and it was then taken over by the Jachymov Mines administration. The Slovanka Pit is under the same management as the Magdalena Pit.

## 3. 1st of May Gallery.

- a. The 1st of May Gallery lies some 750 meters southwest of the Potucky railroad station. There is no fence around it. It has some 50 employees, twenty-five of them being brigade workers.
- b. The equipment of the gallery consists of pneumatic hammers and pneumatic drilling machines.
- c. The output of the gallery is approximately 40 hundredweight of high quality uranium ore per day. The ore is shipped to Horni Zdar through Jachymov. The Five-Year Plan is being fulfilled 100%.
- d. Morale in the 1st of May Gallery is poor.

## 4. 28th of October Gallery.

- a. The 28th of October Gallery is situated 1,200 meters east of the Potucky railroad station. It has no fence around it. It employs 40 people, 25 of them being brigade workers.
- b. The equipment of the gallery consists of an air dredger<sup>1</sup> for loading material, EMK 25. It is of Russian manufacture.
- c. Ore from this gallery is shipped to Horni Zdar. The Five-Year Plan is not being fulfilled.
- d. The management is the same as that of the Magdalena Pit.
- e. The morale of the workers is poor.

## 5. Rudolf Gallery.

- a. The Rudolf Gallery lies some 2.5 kilometers southeast of the railroad station. It has no fence.
- b. This gallery employs 10 men, six of whom are brigade workers.
- c. Only experimental drilling was going on at this gallery and no ore had been discovered at the time of observation.
- d. The management is the same as that of the Magdalena Pit.

1. [redacted] Comment: Possibly a pneumatic excavator.

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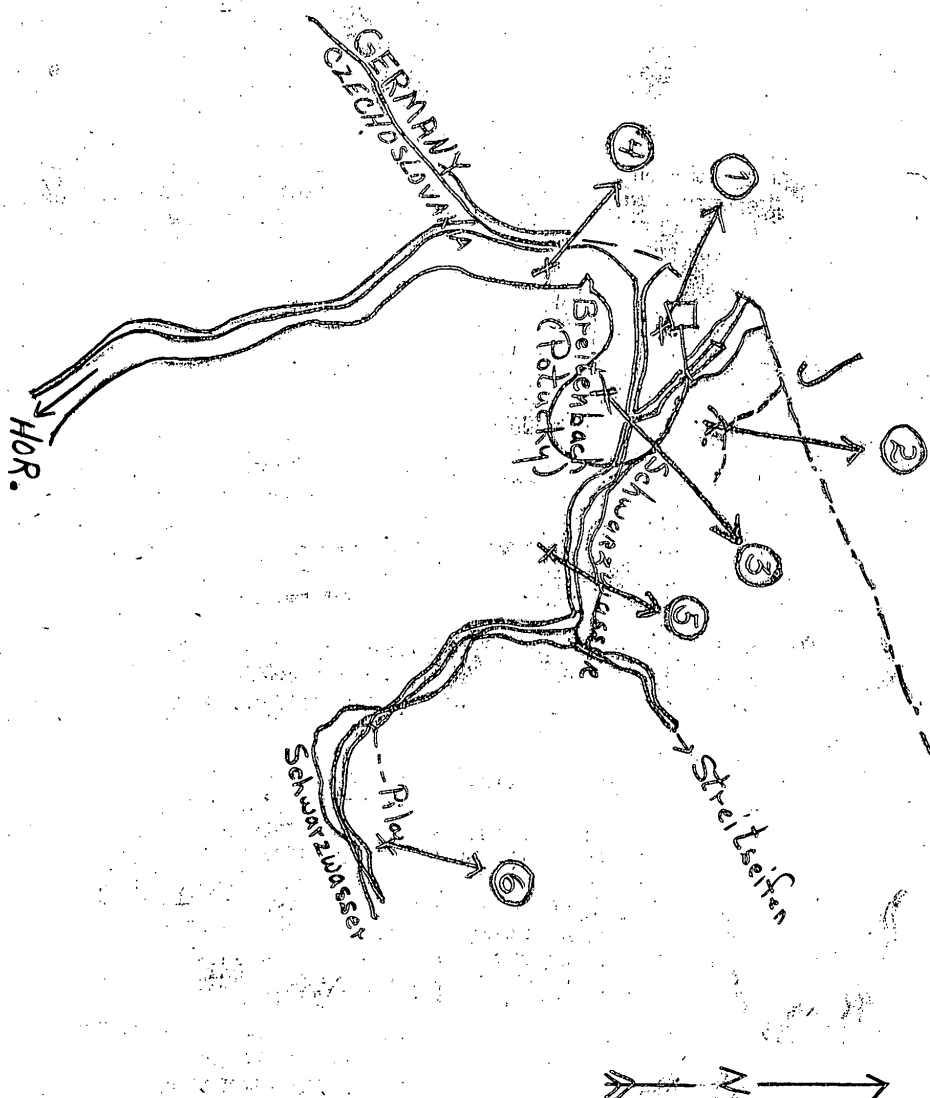
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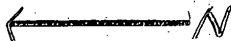
- 1) Magdalena Pit
- 2) Pit No. 2
- 3) Slovanka Pit
- 4) 1st of May Gallery
- 5) 28th of October Gallery
- 6) Rudolf Gallery



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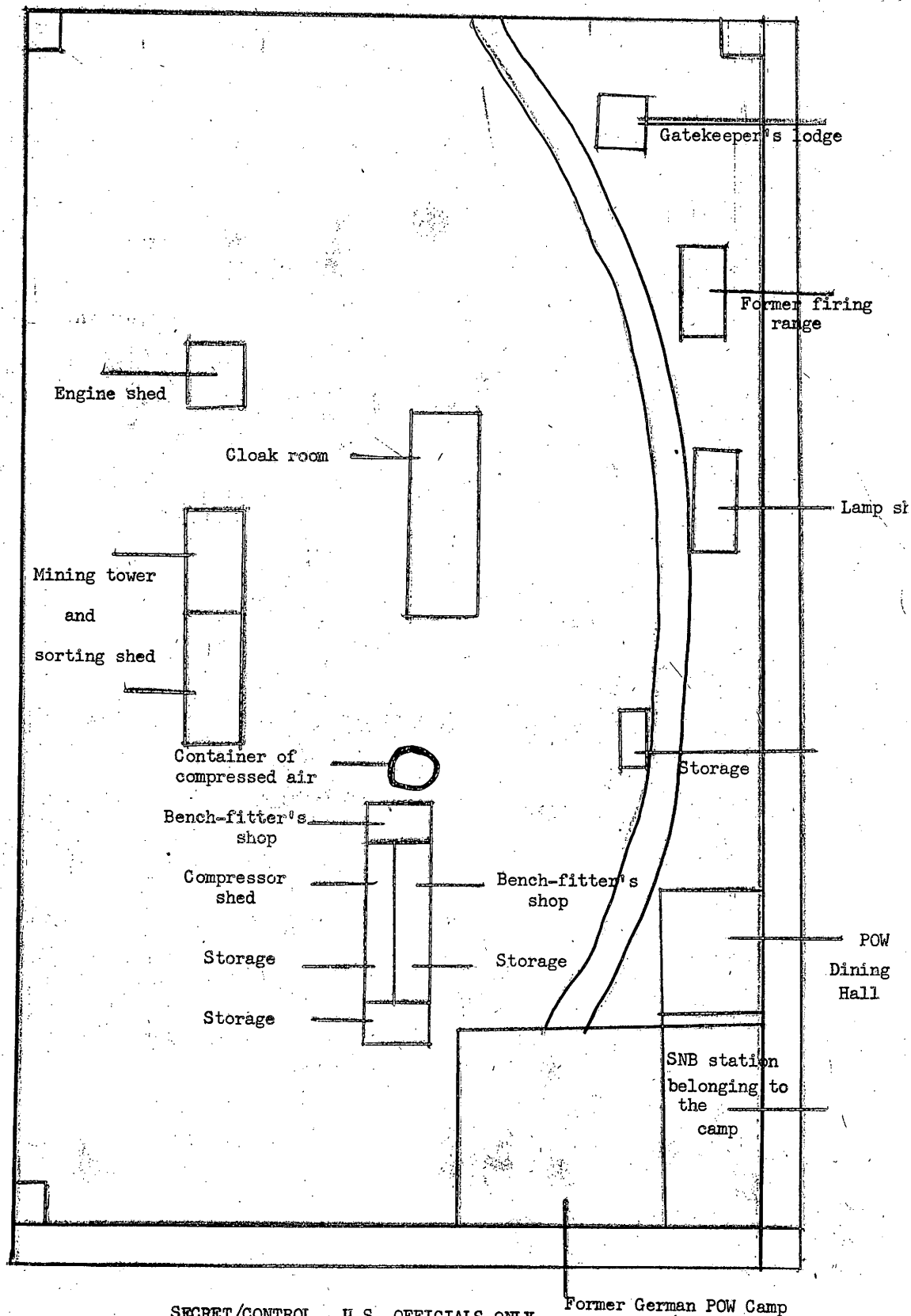
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Magdalena Pit

The pit covers an area of 200 x 150 meters.



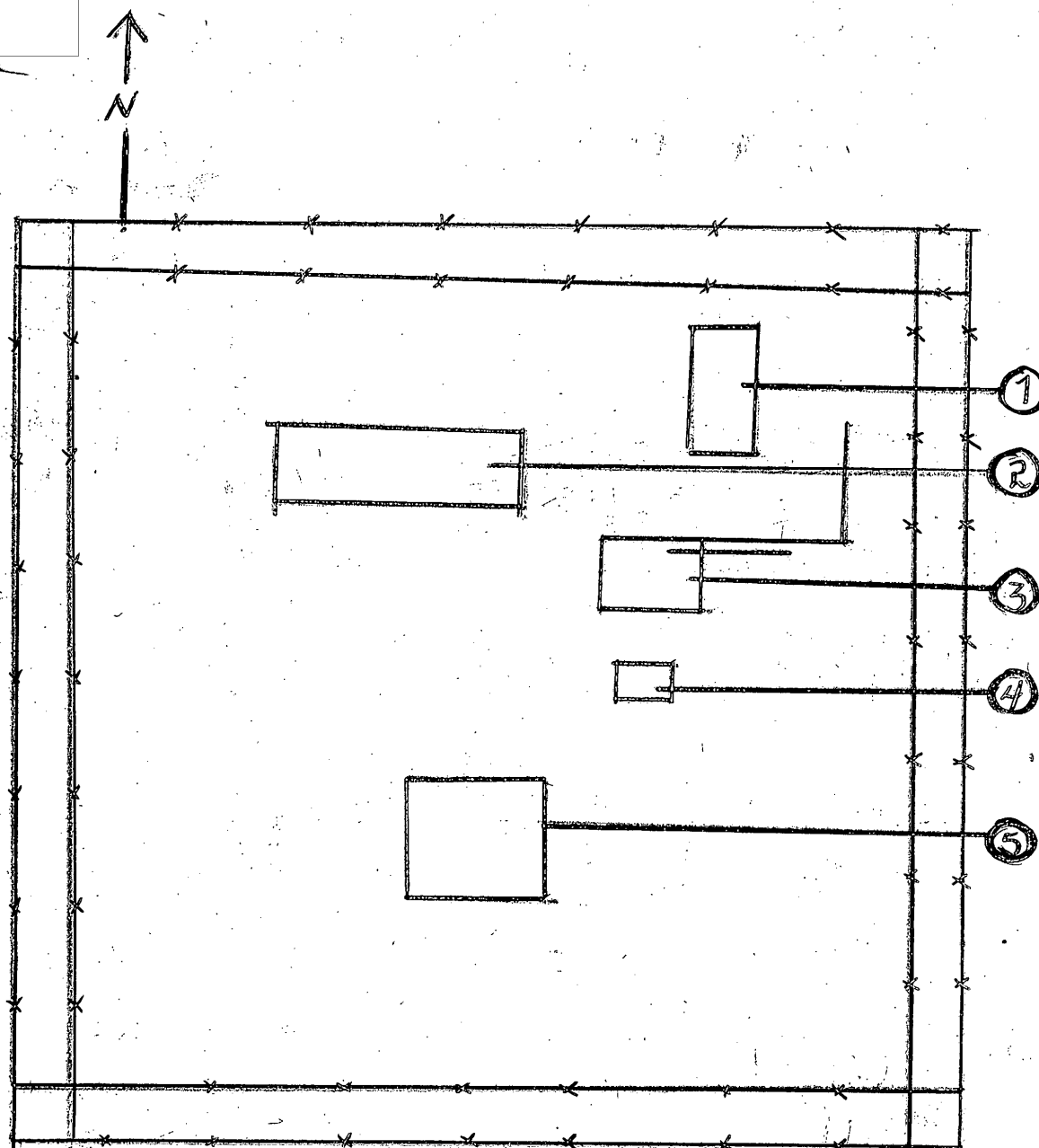
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Slovanka Pit - Potucky

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Legend:

The pit occupies an area of 150 by 150 m.

- 1) Cloak rooms
- 2) Storeroom
- 3) Mining tower
- 4) Engine shed
- 5) Bench-fitter's shop

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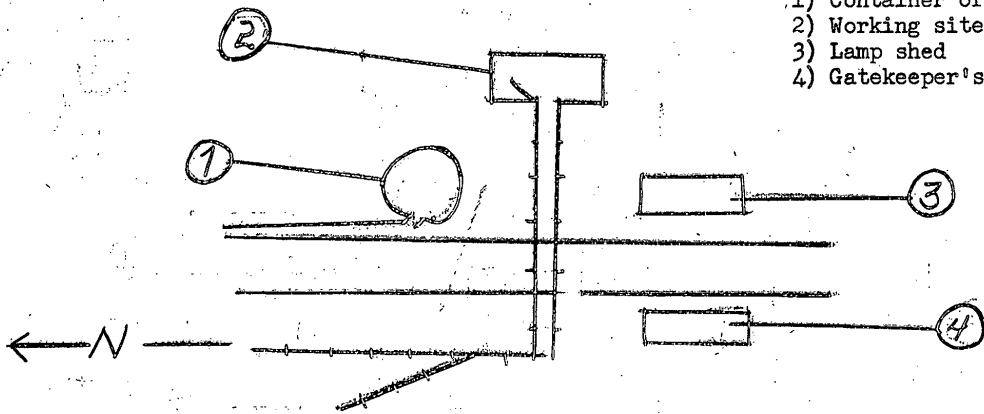
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1st of May Gallery, Potucky

## Legend to the Sketch:

The area of the mine is 80 by 150 m. i

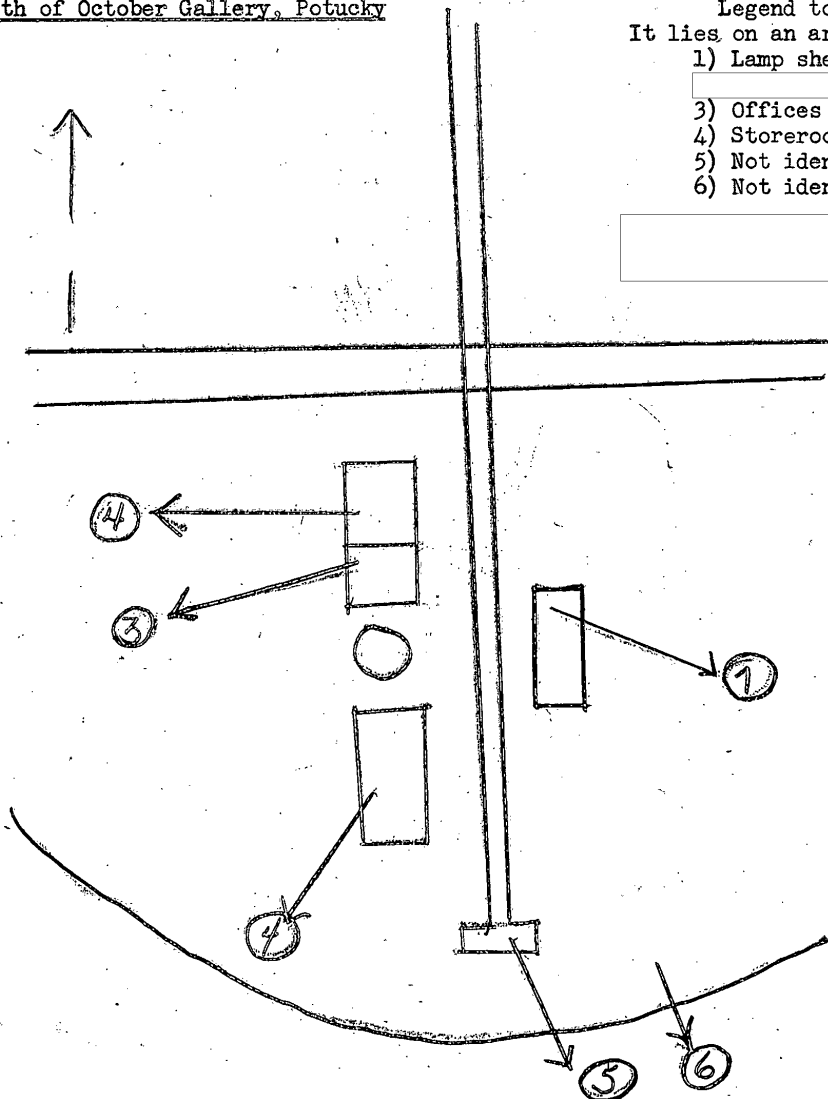
- 1) Container of compressed air
- 2) Working site
- 3) Lamp shed
- 4) Gatekeeper's room.

28th of October Gallery, Potucky

## Legend to the Sketch:

It lies on an area of 50 by 150 m.

- 1) Lamp shed 50X1-HUM
- 3) Offices
- 4) Storeroom
- 5) Not identified
- 6) Not identified 50X1-HUM



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